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SUBJECT: SHELLFISH SUPPLY INQUIRY

REF: LONDON 1237, JAN 26, 1976

1. EMBASSY RESPONSE TO US BUYER APPEARS TO BE APPROPRIATE. IF BUYER HAS NOT CONTACTED NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE, PLEASE SUGGEST THAT HE DO SO. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FORWARDED TO REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE IN COPENHAGEN, ALTHOUGH NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EMBASSY ASSISTANCE ON OBTAINING DATA FOR US BUYERS.

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2. PRESENT US SHELLFISH EXPORT MARKET IS NOT FAVORABLE. U.S. SHRIMP INVENTORIES ARE EXTREMELY LOW AND PRICES ARE HIGH.

3. (FYI) IN 1974, U.S. EXPORTED 1.9 MILLION POUNDS OF SHRIMP TO UK OF TOTAL SHRIMP EXPORTS OF 28 MILLION. EXPORTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1975 WERE 1.2 MILLION POUNDS, COMPARED TO 1.5 MILLION POUNDS IN 1974. ONLY OTHER SHELLFISH EXPORTED TO UK ARE SMALL AMOUNTS OF KING CRAB, 7,000 POUNDS DURING JAN-SEPT 1975.

4. SHELLFISH MARKET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK, AN NMFS PUBLICATION, BEING SENT VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH. KISSINGER

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